

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 826 without my signature.

This bill would request the Regents of the University of California, acting through the California Subject Matter Projects, to carry out responsibilities for developing Native American instructional materials which are currently assigned to the State Librarian under existing law.

I am concerned that this bill could inadvertently further delay the efforts in the development of Native American instructional materials, be duplicative of current efforts and increase costs. Given that the State Library has already submitted draft materials for review to the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission, work is already substantially underway, I encourage the State Library and the California Department of Education to finish the work, so that it can be appropriately considered within the forthcoming adoption cycle, as originally intended.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger